

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A decorative element for an airbag module cover including comprising:

a rear side for contacting the airbag module cover, and
predetermined breaking points and/or bending points.

2. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 1, wherein predetermined breaking points and bending points are provided in the region of tear-open edges of the cover cap.

3. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 1, wherein predetermined breaking points and bending points are provided outside the region of the tear-open edges of the cover cap.

4. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 1, wherein material weakenings are provided in the decorative element at the predetermined breaking points.

5. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 4, wherein grooves are provided as material weakenings.

6. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 4, wherein the material weakenings are provided on the rear side the decorative element.

7. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 1, wherein perforations are provided in the region of the predetermined breaking points.

8. (Currently Amended) The decorative element according to claim 7, wherein the perforations extend from the a-rear side of the decorative element to just below a top side of the decorative element.

9. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 7, wherein the perforations are continuous.

10. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 9, wherein the continuous perforations are formed by lasers.

11. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 9, wherein the continuous perforations are formed by ultrasonic.

12. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 9, wherein the continuous perforations are formed by cutting.

13. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 1, wherein, the decorative element comprises a softer carrier material; and a harder covering layer; and wherein a material weakening is provided in the covering layer.

14. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 10, wherein the rear side of the covering layer includes the material weakening; and wherein the carrier material engages into the material weakening.

15. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 1, wherein the decorative element comprises flexible plastic.

16. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 1, wherein the decorative element comprises airbag cap material.

17. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the decorative element is provided with a metal layer applied by sputtering.

18. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the decorative element is provided with an electroplated coating.

19. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the decorative element is lacquered.

20. (Currently Amended) A decorative element for an airbag module comprising:
a rear side for contacting an airbag module cover, and
predetermined breaking points; and
wherein the decorative element is configured to break at the predetermined
breaking points when the airbag deployed.

21. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 20, further comprising
tear open sections; and wherein approximately one fourth of the decorative element remains
at the sections when the decorative element tears.

22. (Original) The decorative element according to claim 20, further comprising
tear open sections; and wherein approximately one half to one eighth of the decorative
element remains at the sections when the decorative element tears